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COMMENDABLE ACTION.

In deciding to revoke the saloon license of "Doc" Edwards, who is conducting a resort in the Chinatown quarter, which has become notorious as a rendezvous for dissolute characters of both sexes, the police committee took an action yesterday that should and will receive the commendation of every good citizen of Fresno. No such place should be allowed to exist in a community which has any regard for its own moral welfare or the best and highest interests of the younger generation, upon the character of which such environment can have no other than a most demoralizing effect.

It is an indisputable fact that these "free and easy" resorts have an irresistible fascination for boys and young men who have neither the experience nor discretion to avoid the contaminating influence of such association, and hence it became the most imperative duty of those to whom the people have entrusted the regulation of its affairs and the enforcement of the law to suppress all such places where infringement of the law or violation of the terms of the license make it possible to do so.

The Republicans congratulates Messrs. Spangler, Austin and McVey on the position they have taken, and expresses the hope that their committee will continue on that line of action until every place of that character in the city has been deprived of its right to do business.

In this connection it will naturally occur to the average citizen that the same method of dealing with saloons which have their adjuncts of illegal gambling would be very desirable and successful. Unquestionably a saloon which operates or permits others to operate illegal games upon its premises has forfeited its right to a license to do business, and in no other way could the gambling evil—that class of it, at least, which is open to all classes and conditions of people—be so effectively dealt with as by the exercise of the power vested in the City Trustees to revoke the licenses of all saloons, billiard rooms or other licensed institutions which permit illegal gambling on their premises. The difficulty of securing convictions in the courts for this offense has been demonstrated time and again, but to a large extent the City Trustees have the power in their own hands to reduce this evil to a minimum if they choose to exercise it.

The future action of the board will be watched with increased interest by the people of Fresno.

SPEAKING of certain criticism of the Monroe doctrine, or more correctly of Cleveland's message on that subject, the Stockton Mail says:

If the Republicans know no better way of making political capital than by indorsing the administration's chief blunder and opposing its one popular stand, they will go into the coming campaign in very light marching order.

This would be true enough if it were not without a foundation in fact to rest upon. A Republican congress has stood with practical unanimity and with patriotic enthusiasm behind the President in the position he has taken in regard to the Monroe doctrine. There have been Republicans and there have been Democrats who have declined to indorse his message, but Republicans as well as Democrats, both in and out of congress, have most emphatically affirmed their loyalty to the principles enunciated in that message. Everything considered, it may be said that Cleveland was premature in adopting a warlike tone, but that he enunciated principles that should and must be maintained by this government is undeniable, and no party could have been more prompt and emphatic in the endorsement of the position taken by the President than has the Republican party. That the motives which prompted the message are questionable even by those who warmly approve it is not at all surprising in view of the writer's subserviency to foreign influence on other questions.

The announcement that the Sultan of Turkey has snubbed the British Ambassador need not be received with great surprise. If the Turkish ruler has not received the impression within the last year that Great Britain, as well as other European nations, is afraid of "the Sick Man of the East" it must be because he has a mind acute enough to understand European policies. For months now at every recurring shriek from Armenia the civilized powers of the old world have lifted their hands in horror, but their utmost protest has amounted to little more than a "Please don't." Added barbitaries have been well nigh the sole answer to each mild-voiced protest, and the powers have done nothing. If, under these circumstances, the Sultan snubs Great Britain, or any other nation, what wonder is it? It may, indeed, be that the arrangement with Russia of which the rumor is abroad has something to do with the Turk's attitude, but he need hardly to have had that to have arrived at the conclusion that pusillanimity is a European characteristic. What brave nation would stand with something worse than indifference while the unspeakable atrocities continue in Armenia? The Sultan may be in error, but his conclusion is natural.

JAMES A. LOURIS of Stockton is mentioned as a probable delegate to the national Republican convention. Mr. Louris is a representative Californian and a good Republican, and should be selected as a delegate if he desires the honor.

The Report says that San Francisco is the banana center. The temperature of the big town may not justify the claim, but at any rate it sounds better than the collections metropolis.

The fact that there is trouble in Nicaragua does not surprise anybody. There usually is.

SHIPPING BAD FRUIT.

There was a time when California's chief reputation was that of a gold-producing state. Henceforth it is to have a crowning reputations above all others it must be as a producer of fruits. There is no state in the Union which can even compare with this in the growing of fruits. Our soil is good, and our climate is such as to permit the successful growing of all the fruits of temperate and semi-tropical climates. If there is a thing which it is to our interest to guard most zealously, it is the reputation abroad of this product. We cannot afford to do other than this; our business interests demand it.

Yet in the face of this fact, which must be evident to everybody, the fruit-growers (or the fruit handlers) of the state are now engaged in slaughtering the very reputation which is of so much import to us. The New York Sun makes the statement that the New York market "is now full of California oranges that are a discredit to the state and a grief to the consumers." From other sources comes the story that the oranges with which the markets are filled are frozen. It is easy enough to understand whence this fruit was shipped. There is a section of the state where it was known that frosts damaged the orange crop greatly. It was from there that the fruit went; it could have gone from nowhere else.

We repeat that such shipments injure the entire state. The frozen fruit could not have gone from Fresno county, for instance, for our early ripening oranges were out of the reach of the frosts. Yet the injury is no less to us than to the men who deserve to endure it. The eastern consumer does inquire whether the fruit he eats comes from Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside or some other location. "He lumped" it as California fruit, and visits condemnation or approval on all.

The present complaint, and many others that might be mentioned, clearly enough indicate the necessity of organization among the growers to prevent the loss of a market for their products through the knavish folly of individuals.

The fruit-growers cannot afford to have their best possibilities thus wasted, and just as certainly the state cannot afford it. If California cannot maintain a reputation for producing good fruit, will somebody say that we can do successfully? If, with our fertile soil and matchless climate, the purchaser of our fruit in an eastern market cannot be assured that he will secure a good article, what have we left that is better than other states produce?

The men who ship defective fruit—and their work is not confined to oranges—should be treated as what they are, enemies of the public welfare. They should stand the state combined in sentiment against them, but especially should the men who are most directly affected by their harmful acts, the fruit-growers, combine specially to end their disastrous commerce. If the growers do not do this very soon their business will be seriously injured.

How does the assumed fact that the United States senate will vote for a six-cent coin compare with the not infrequent announcement that the sentiment in favor of the white metal is dying out in this country? The fact appears to indicate a good deal of liveliness in a sentiment that is in moribund condition.

RANDOM REMARKS.

A Philadelphia fireman somewhat injured James J. Corbett in a fight last Saturday evening, but Corbett was in a position where he had almost no chance at all to use his jaw.

Both Cleveland says that the wishes of her party were a pure illusion. So do the rest of us. In your innocent childhood you have given voice to the almost universal sentiment.

One of the beauties of the glorious climate of California is that lightning never strikes!—What's that? Lightning destroyed the electric plant at Hayward the other night!—We were about to remark when we were interrupted that one of the beauties of our climate is that lightning hardly ever strikes here.

Hot Tivoli tannins are the best. Get them at the Tivoli with Pabst eastern beer.

Flowers and extras at Denahoo's. • Old Crow Whisky at the Bodega. •

Woman's Exchange—Second door from postoffice.

Pabst's Little Pops At Wolters & Co.'s, 1017 E. St.

For an appetizer take Una Bitters. • On You Know Me? Get acquainted at the Old Palm Garden.

Bartlett, Bethesda, Shasta, Apollinaris, Coronado and Napa Soda Mineral Waters for sale at the Bodega.

Parker House Roll—Woman's Exchange.

A Smell of War.

Let them talk, or let them fight, Scott doesn't care a pumpkin. The way Scott would settle the war is to bring the two continents of Europe and America together.

Una Bitter's—Una Bitter's—Una Bitter's.

By saving for years the proceeds of the sale of butter and eggs an Indiana woman saved money enough to buy a piano, which she had planned to buy during the winter, but she had no money.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY

TRAINS LEAVE FRESNO AS FOLLOWS:
 10:45 A.M.—NEW ORLEANS EXPRESS—Daily. For San Barbara, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside, and east via El Paso and New Orleans.
 2:30 P.M.—EXPRESS—Daily. For Celis, Modesto, Sacramento, San Francisco, Sacramento, Oregon and West.
 2:45 P.M.—YERKES—Daily. For Sacramento, Raymond and all way stations.
 2:50 A.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily. For Fresno, Kingsburg, Coalinga Junction, connecting at Coalinga Junction with mixed train for Hanford, Visalia, Tulare, Bakersfield and all way stations.
 5:30 A.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Wednesday. Wednesday morning, mixed train from Fresno to stations. Particulars to you on Wednesday only.
 5:45 A.M.—EXPRESS (via Martinez) Daily. For Stockton, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Oregon and East.
 5:50 A.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily except Sunday. For Fresno, Visalia, Tulare, Bakersfield and all way stations.
 5:50 A.M.—MIXED TRAIN—Daily except Sunday. For Tulare and all way stations. Arrives at Fresno at 6:30 A.M.
 6:30 P.M.—PARTICULAR TRAIN—Daily. For Fresno Junction, Bakersfield and Way stations. Particulars to you on Wednesday only.
 5:50 P.M.—LOS ANGELES EXPRESS—Daily. For Los Angeles and intermediate points.
 6:30 A.M.—SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA and SAN JUAN CAYENA—Daily. For San Francisco.
 6:45 A.M.—BUSES—Linen. Wednesday and Sunday.
 7:00 A.M.—BUSES—Linen. Wednesday and Sunday. For Tulare, Bakersfield, Mojave, Sanger, Los Angeles and east via El Paso and New Orleans.
 7:15 A.M.—CHAS. GRAY, Gen. Traffic Manager.
 T. H. GOODMAN, Gen. Pass. Agent.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

Fresno, January 28.—Observation taken at 5 o'clock this afternoon.
 Temperature..... 55°
 Standard Temperature..... 51°
 Wind, N. (gusting 40).
 Maximum Temperature for past 24 hours..... 57°
 Minimum Temperature for past 24 hours..... 50°
 Total Rainfall for season, inclusive..... 40.01
 Total Rainfall for season, inclusive..... 4.01

WEATHER FORECAST.
 San Francisco, Jan. 28.—Official forecast for thirty-six hours, ending at 5 p.m., January 29.—Northern California—Generally fair; light winds. Southern California—Cloudy and light showers, tonight and early Wednesday morning; light westerly winds.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

The above reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of parties caught stealing or defacing Republican boxes which are placed in front of the residence of colored subscribers.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Hams and bacon at Evingson's.

Pork backbones at City Market.

Plenty of snow in the mountains.

Board your horses—Dexter stable.

There is already great demand for Corinne coats.

Dr. Russell, physician and surgeon, Garibaldi block.

Trade with H. Graff & Co., 1817 to 1823 Tulare street.

March bicycles. R. G. Barton, agent.

1890 models now ready.

John C. Kourse, grocer, sells rolled wheat, honey and oats.

Mr. P. A. Kannayev is lying very ill at his home in Central county.

The regular monthly meeting of the fire department was held last night.

New lot of Oregon Cream and Linen-jumper just in at Howland and Furti's.

The infant daughter of Rev. D. H. Gillan died last Monday morning at 3 o'clock.

From all parts of the country comes the word that the grain outlook is excellent.

The "Up to Date" paints carriages cheaper than anybody. 1227 J street, N. D. Gilbert.

Judging from the number of deals filled for record yesterday real estate must be on the jump.

The Woman's Equal Suffrage Club will meet at Dr. Schermerhorn's Wednesday afternoon, January 29th.

Deputy Constable Tom Pickford had a package stolen from his buggy while hitched up on Mariposa street last night.

M. L. Schermerhorn mourns the despoliation of a red China vase in his garden. No trace of the thieves has been found.

Oleander has organized a football team which is already in hard practice. The Fresno team will probably be challenged in the near future.

For \$2.75 you can get back the WEEKLY REPUBLICAN and the INDIAN (Fresno's illustrated monthly) for one year. Send orders to REPUBLICAN office.

Jacob Fries yesterday entered a plea of guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace while in Justice Austin's court by Jacob Fries. The trial will be held today.

Rev. T. H. H. Anderson has kindly consented to deliver a discourse at the M. E. church, South, this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Professor Tyndall will go to Modesto today to be present at the trial of Fourie. He will return from Modesto to Los Angeles, stopping off at Fresno on the way.

There will be an important meeting of the Hundred Thousand Club this evening, at which interesting matters, including the proposed electric celebration, will be discussed.

The next meeting of the Wolverine Club will be held on Wednesday evening, January 29th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barrows in Washington colony. All members requested to be present.

The Eaton male quartet assisted by Miss and Mrs. Hollingsworth of Fresno, will give an entertainment in the United Presbyterian church of Fresno Wednesday evening, Jan. 29th. Admission 15 cents. Children 10 cents.

John S. Eastwood's fine Columbia bicycle was stolen from the doorway of the Baptist church a few evenings ago while he was attending worship inside. The thief has not yet been caught nor has the wheel been recovered.

Owing to the press of news the REPUBLICAN is unable to publish every day, one of the essays on poultry raising. But they will all appear in their order even if it takes till the Fourth of July to finish the list. The time in which essays will be received expires February 1.

Diaries for 1896. Complete lists at O. H. Biggs'.

Masquerade.

Fresno Lodge No. 67 of the Danish Brotherhood of America will hold its third annual masquerade ball at Atlantic, I street, Saturday, February 1, 1896. Castanets at Grand Central sample rooms.

Miss Olive Knowlton.

Hair dressing and manuring. Room 11, Grindell building.

P. Justy's hand and orchestra. Music furnished for balls, parties, soirees and concerts. Terms apply to M. P. Justy, 1904 Mariposa street.

A number of select boarders will be taken by Mrs. Leisinger at 108 J street. First-table table.

Dr. Anna Wihler, the apothecary lecturer, has diplomas to show that she is exactly what she represents herself to be.

Karl's Clover Root, the great blood purifier, gives freshness and clearness to the complexion and cures constipation; 25c, size 1. Sold by Webster Bros.

Mrs. T. S. Hawking, Chilmark, Tenn., says: "Shiloh's Cure" "envies my life." She considers it the best remedy for dyspepsia, liver or kidney trouble it equals. Price, 75¢. Sold by Webster Bros.

Shiloh's Cure is sold on a guarantee. It cures incipient consumption. It is the best cough cure. Only 1 cent a dose; 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Webster Bros.

A DISORDERLY PLACE

LANDRUM-WOLCOTT CONCERT.
Excellent Music and a Leap Year Ball.

Dr. Edwards' Saloon License to be Revoked.

RECOMMENDATION TO TRUSTEES

Edwards Pleads for Another Chance — Spinney's Spirited Reply — Close Watch.

REV. MARTIN'S MEETINGS.

A Smoky Subject for Discourse This Evening.

About 800 persons assembled at the Adventist church last night, overflowing the lower room and filling a large part of the gallery.

The preacher gave a powerful discourse on the history of sprinkling and pouring in the Bible.

The subject of discourse tonight will be "Hell."

William Hughes Acquitted.

The trial of William Hughes on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon was concluded in the superior court of Madera county yesterday and the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal. A man named O'Brien refused to vacate a house belonging to Hughes, and when ordered to leave it O'Brien and his family arrayed themselves for war. Hughes then secured a gun and it with considerable difficulty. The board feared that the place would be a disorderly one, and their fears, it now seems, were not without foundation. Besides keeping a disorderly house, he is accused of having it built out into the rear of the investigation that young couple over 15 years of age, have been frequenting the place and engaging in drunken revels with the women of the district who also have been visiting the saloon without restraint.

Marshal Woy testified that he visited the saloon as soon as his attention was called to the fact that it was being conducted in a very disorderly manner. He saw an undesirable state of affairs, such as would justify having the saloon closed.

Police Officer Russell and Walton and Deputy Constable Ragsdale testified as to the noise which they had often heard inside the saloon. The windows were closely curtained so that the officers could not see what was going on inside. But by climbing up on some tressel work in the rear of the place they could look through a window at the top for a small space there was no curtain.

The officers stated that they had seen all sorts of gross misconduct, and the most deplorable fact was that in many cases boys were participants. The men took part in the drunken carousals. The rear part of the saloon was set off from the barroom by curtains. It was in this rear part that the youths were leading a life of vice and shame.

The members of the investigating committee were considerably divided on these deplorable facts were told by the officers. Trustee Spinney, in whose ward the saloon is located, grew somewhat bitter in a controversy between himself and Dr. Edwards. The testimony of the officers regarding the boy in the saloon was the subject for severe condemnation by the trustee.

Spinney moved that the committee report to the regular annual meeting of the Union that the saloon be closed by the law.

But Spinney thought it had been done.

The members of the committee cannot afford to waste time when there is no need of it," said the trustees. McWayne then seconded the motion.

This brought forth an appeal from Dr. Edwards to be given another chance. "Please let me do it," said he. He admitted that his place had been disorderly, but would promise to obey the ordinances hereafter.

He did not think that his place should be singled out from all the saloons in Clovis town.

Spinney replied with much warmth: "Dr. Edwards had taken an oath to keep an orderly saloon when he was given the license, and while running the disorderly place he did not with the full knowledge of the law. He has violated it wilfully, and there can be no excuse for such action." As to the other saloons, Spinney said they will be treated in the same manner if it is shown that they are disorderly. "Were I so inclined, I could swear out a warrant and have you sent to Sir Quentin over this affair," said the trustee to Edwards.

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TYNDALL'S POWERS.

A Lively Hypnotic Demonstration at Armory Hall.

A. J. McFay Tyndall, the mesmerist, mystic and mind-reader, gave a second display of his powers as hypnotist at Armory hall last night. The audience was not so large as on the previous night but every one present had his full attention.

The hypnotic experiments were preceded by several mind-reading feats. These were performed under the supervision of the following committee selected by the audience: W. D. Grady, F. T. Berry, A. C. Briggs, W. K. Cowan and Dr. Minor. In the second test, the discovery of an umbrella which had been stolen and the locating of the guilty man. Tyndall tried two subjects without success until after the third, without fail, he located the guilty man. The spectators were astounded at the skill with which he performed his feat.

The agent for the proposed county hospital has come to Fresno to interview the trustees concerning the location of the new hospital.

The trustees have agreed to let him inspect the proposed site and to let him know what they propose to do.

After hearing some further remarks from Mr. McFay and from Sayre and Garrett, the motion to accept the bid of the Ra Building Company was carried by a unanimous vote.

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VALLEY ROAD MATTERS

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF TEN.

Collections of Subscriptions Are Reported Most Discouragingly Slow.

The Committee of Ten held a meeting yesterday in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on J street. Several matters of importance came up for discussion, and encouraging progress was reported along every line except in the matter of collecting money on subscriptions. That part of the work was discouraging. Collections have almost ceased, and there are several rights of way and blocks of land still to be paid for. Unless these subscriptions are paid at once the committee will be under the necessity of sending a personal collector to visit each delinquent subscriber.

The purchase of the property on Q street belonging to Mrs. J. E. Nicholson was not yet completed and the abstract title is being prepared.

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